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E., Sasha and myself went to Versailles for lunch. I had hardly stepped into the house when one of André de Staercke's associates called with a letter from André enclosing a memorandum from Spaak about the possibility of holding a meeting of the four signatory powers, to be attended by the U.S. and U.K., as provided by Article 132 of the Paris treaty.

Odile de Guiche and Louise Iselin had lunch with us.

Stan Cleveland came down in the afternoon with his wife and we went over a telegram which was dispatched tonight in these terms:

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"On Thursday Ophuls told us contents of letter that Chancellor might send French on Saar affair. I expressed conviction that any letter at this juncture would be dangerous and inadvisable. Ophuls seemed prepared to support this view.

"Yesterday afternoon (Friday) Von Walther of German Diplomatic Mission Paris called upon instructions from Hallstein to read redraft of aforementioned letter to be addressed to Teitgen. It made two points: 1) Chancellor had obtained consent his government to text Strasbourg agreement and would not deviate from this text; 2) Chancellor was willing after ratification EDC Treaty by France to discuss changes in language Strasbourg agreement.

"I told Von Walther of fear any letter to Teitgen might be passed on or become known to persons hostile to EDC who would use it, even by misrepresentation, to further their sabotage of project, and that this might well include newspaper publication with distorted interpretations. I also told him of Teitgen's intention visit Bidault Geneva on Sunday.

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"Last night Hallstein called me from Bonn. I repeated objections to him. He answered Chancellor had decided on this course to stop French attempts at renegotiation. I told him Chancellor could handle the situation by refusing further discussions with Berard, Sauvagnargues et all, perhaps by sending an oral message that he would only talk on this subject to his counterparts in French Government -- Laniel, Bidault, or Teitgen (by delegation from Laniel or Bidault).

"Hallstein said Chancellor was in Stuttgart and had issued strict orders letter was to be delivered Saturday morning to Teitgen. I replied I thought proposed delivery was great mistake and hoped orders would be cancelled. Hallstein said he would try to postpone action until next Tuesday in hope Teitgen might succeed with Bidault over week end.

"Above demonstrates again importance quick decision by French Government on Saar agreement, and nervousness of German Government on this issue.

"Hallstein is sending emissary to see me Tuesday morning before my departure for London to discuss affair further in event letter is not delivered today. BRUCE."

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